Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Puttamallappa.—

When will the project be sanctioned ?

Dewan-President.—

As soon as possible.

Mr. A. Ananthaiya.—

In view of His Highness' speech, is it not necessary that some funds should be allotted for this project during the next budget year at least ?

Dewan-President.—

It may be possible for Government to allot some funds by way of reappropriation.

BY MR. SOORANAGI SIDDABASAPPA (Shikarpur Taluk).—

Q.—23. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What is the number of breached tanks in the Shimoga District ?

(*b*) How many of these have been restored and how many unrestored ?

(*c*) Have arrangements been made for the early repairs of these breached tanks ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—23. (*a*) The number of breached tanks in the Shimoga District is 330 (exciuding 4,857 unrestored tanks which await to be restored first).

(*b*) None of these have been restored.

(*c*) Further measures will be taken for the rapid restoration of tanks.

BY MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR, TUDIKI RAMANNA and H. S. VENKATAPPA GOWDA (Thirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—24. In respect of the Police establishment entertained for the protection of sandal theft, will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What is the cost of the Police establishment maintained by the department for the purpose ?

(*b*) What is the cost of the Forest establishment maintained for the said purpose ?

(*c*) What is the expenditure in regard to—

(i) Travelling allowances ?

(ii) Sheds and temporary buildings ?

(*d*) Has any substantial progress been made by this special department ? Has any income accrued as a result of such an establishment ?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to show accounts therefor from the date of the entertainment of the establishment up to the end of March 1926 ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—24. (*a*) Rs. 2,011-8-0 per mensem.

(*b*) Rs. 554 per mensem.

(*c*) (i) Travelling Allowance—

Police Staff.—Rs. 4,563-14-0 (up to March 1926).

Forest Staff.—Rs. 3,909-4-0 (up to March 1926).

(ii) Sheds and temporary buildings.—Rs. 5,231-8-0 (this includes a sum of Rs. 3,200 advanced to construct 4 outposts and a sum of Rs. 75-8-0 paid as rent for 7 outposts).

(*d*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The agency is not a direct revenue earning department but was created to adopt measures to prevent the theft and smuggling of sandalwood across the frontier. As a result of its activities, the number of stills in the Karikal Taluk largely depending on smuggled wood has been reduced from 38 to 6 showing a reduction in supply of at least 25 tons of sandalwood valued at Rs. 37,000. The trade in private sandalwood on the eastern border has also been reduced from 36 to 2 tons. The value of the property saved is estimated at Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 70,000.

(*e*) It is not clear what the accounts are that are required.